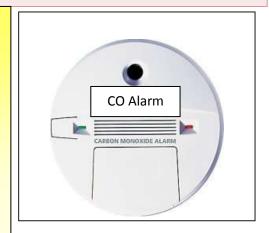


## **NEWPORT BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## Carbon Monoxide Alarm Tips

## **Did You Know**

- Carbon monoxide is a tasteless, odorless, and invisible gas.
- Low levels of CO poisoning can cause shortness of breath, mild headaches, nausea, and fainting.
- Carbon monoxide poisoning is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in the United States according to the American Medical Association.



## What to do if your Carbon Monoxide Alarm Goes Off

- 1. Immediately get **fresh air** into the premises by opening doors and windows.
- 2. **Turn off** appliances, or other sources of combustion at once.
- 3. Operate the re-set button on the alarm.
- 4. If alarm continues to sound evacuate or if anyone is experiencing symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning: headaches, dizziness, vomiting, immediately evacuate or move to a location that has fresh air and **call 9-1-1**.
- 5. Do a **head count** to be sure all persons have been accounted for.
- Do not re-enter the premises until it has been aired out and the problem corrected.
- 7. Call a **qualified technician** and have the problem fixed before restarting appliances.